



Kansas City Chapter
Missouri Pilots Association

The flyer

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President's Corner

I would like to talk about professionalism today and how it affects our lives as private pilots. Webster's dictionary defines the word professionalism this way; "following one line of conduct as if it were one's profession." In our case, that conduct is the safe, efficient and courteous operation of our aircraft in an environment that can be just the opposite of that en devour. But the safe and courteous operation of an airplane is just part of our professionalism. As a group of pilots who's every action and accident seems to be fodder for the news media, it is very important that we present a positive and professional demeanor. As a member of an organization such a The Missouri Pilots Assn. we have the power to be a positive and effective force in our community. In our efforts to save airports, reduce the tall tower problem, support general aviation etc., the manner in which we conduct ourselves can either show us as professionals or as a rogue group that is considered undesirable and unwanted by the very public we are trying to impress. In these efforts to save airports, remove unwanted and unsafe tall towers and influence non pilots, we need to be very careful that we act as the professionals that we are. Surely we need to fight for what we know is just and fair and fight with every tool at our disposal. But at the same time, we also need to be careful that we never overstep the boundary of civility and that big word again, "professionalism". Telephone calls and letters to our elected officials and others that might have a different view is a proper way of letting our feelings be known, but this too must be done with care. honesty and consideration for the other opinion. All this doesn't mean we can't get upset and angry at times, but the anger has to be controlled to be effective and that is the sign of a true professional. Let's continue to fight the good fight for GA, fly our airplanes in a safe and courteous manner and have fun. But most of all, let's be professional in doing so.

Herb

MARION JAYNE AIR RACE-Lee's Summit Airport will be the host site for this year's Marion Jayne Air Race as well as the Lee's Summit 300. This year, instead of an extended cross-country route, the racers will depart from and return to LXT each day. Several groups, including the 99's, EAA, Mitchell Flying Club, and our chapter of the MPA, have agreed to be the "Day Boss" for a specific day of the week long event. MPA's day is Wednesday, June 7th. We need volunteers to serve in several capacities and will provide you more details in future editions of this newsletter. For now, mark you calendar for the 7th. This will be a great opportunity to meet fliers from across the U.S. and to positively impact the public image of aviation in Missouri and the MPA.

MARCH 22, 2000 - at DAV, 8787 Old Santa Fe Road. Reservations MUST BE MADE by SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2000, if not on the permanent reservation list. Our menu will be: Fried Shrimp, Salad, Mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, roll and butter, coffee/tea, and dessert. Special dietary needs can be accommodated at the time of the reservation. Please call René Earle at 891-7416 to make your reservation. Please leave a message on the answering machine.
Remember - Meeting time: Social from 6:00 to 6:30 P.M.. Dinner at 6:30. Cost is \$12.00 per person.

Put This On Your Calendar!

Programs: Program committee chair: Dee Giedinghagen

March 22, 2000 - Paula Derks, President of Aircraft Electronics.

March 22, 2000 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

APRIL 26, 2000 - INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Flyouts: Flyout committee chair: Bob Williams

If the weather looks marginal, or if anyone needs a ride (Don't forget to share expenses) or has an extra seat, please call Bob at 224-3241. A Go/No Go decision will be made and information on "Ride Central" will be available. Unless otherwise indicated, all flyouts will be at noon. Remember that our minimums are 3000 and 5.

DON'T BE SHY! Seats were available for past flyouts.

If weather cancels a flyout, our alternate will be International House of Pancakes
 8932 Hillcrest Rd, (Benjamin Plaza) at 10:00 a.m.

March 25 - St Joseph, MO Rosecrans Memorial (STJ) Meet for lunch 12:00

April 22 - Warsaw, MO (56M) 12:00

May 20 & 21 - Gaston Lakeview Arkansas (3MO) phone 1-870-431-5202

W I N G S	Why Instruction Never Goes South	In 1996 there were 1,907 General Aviation (GA) accidents. Of all these accidents, only 2 involved pilots who had participated in the WINGS program during the previous 12 months! Each accident had an average cost of \$30,000 dollars. Just looking at this information, isn't it worth the 3 flying hours and a safety meeting to avoid a costly accident? Participate in the WINGS program. It's better than a BFR
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MPA Board Meetings - This is a reminder that any member can attend our chapter board meetings. They are held on the first Tuesday of the month, excluding holidays, at Executive Beechcraft, Downtown Airport, at 7:00 P.M. We always welcome your advice and assistance, and the hospitality is great.

MPA State Board Meetings - Anyone can attend the State board meeting. Check the *M. P. A. News* for meeting date and location. Make this your additional flyout.

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